



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL
P.O. BOX 140800 Nashville, Tennessee 37214-0800
A CHRISTIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Sec. I CONSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional men. It is international in scope. Membership is in The Gideons International, but each member is assigned to a local group called a camp. The local camp is more than a fellowship. The members encourage each other in personal witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scripture placement work is also done as a local group and in cooperation with the local churches. Therefore, the need is for men of good report and good standing who can participate in the work. For this reason the standards of the membership need to be kept high.

Article 2 of the Constitution states:

"The object of the Gideons is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ, through: (a) the association of Christian business and professional men for service; (b) personal testimony and personal work by individual Gideons; (c) placing the Bible - God's Holy Word - or portions thereof, in hotels, hospitals, schools, institutions, and also through the distribution of same for personal use."

The following is Article 3 quoted from the Constitution of the Association:

"The membership shall consist of business and professional men*, except clergymen, who believe in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, have received Him as their personal Saviour, endeavor to follow Him in their daily life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical or Protestant church, congregation or assembly."

Article 1, Section 2 of the Bylaws states:

"Any business or professional man who shall qualify under Article 3 of the Constitution, except those engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages, and except those engaged in a business the character of which is inconsistent with accepted Christian standards, is eligible for membership in this Association."

**Responsibility for defining these terms for the purpose of Gideon membership is assigned to the International Cabinet under Article 4 of the constitution.*

Sec. II PERSONAL INFORMATION

A. Name (print) _____
(First Name) (Middle) (Last Name)

B. Mailing address (print) _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (Area Code) Home Phone

C. E-mail _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Married _____
Mo. Day Yr. (Yes or No) (Area Code) Business Phone

D. Do you believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God? (yes or no)

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God? (yes or no)

Have you received Him as your personal Saviour? (yes or no)

Do you endeavor to follow Him in your daily life? (yes or no)

Do you believe in the endless lake of fire for the unsaved? (Rev. 20:10, 14-15) (yes or no)

E. Are you a clergyman, an ordained minister, an evangelist, a pastor, or a missionary, or do you hold yourself out as any of these, or are you in any other way identified as any of these? (yes or no)

F. Are you a member of a church? (yes or no)

G. Name of the church (print) _____ (Area Code) Phone

Church address (print) _____
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Church or pastor's e-mail address _____

H. What is the minister's name? (print) _____ (Area Code) Phone

I. Have you held previous Gideon membership? _____ Where? _____
(yes or no)

Also give approximate date and Gideon number _____

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Camp President: _____ Credentials Sent: _____ Camp Assignment: _____ Gideon Number: _____

Sec. III OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

A. BUSINESSMAN

1. Name and address of firm or business from which you derive your primary source of income _____

2. Nature of its business? _____
3. In the above stated business, are you: (Indicate below by X)
 - a. Proprietor _____ Officer _____ Sales Representative, Buyer, Agent _____
Partner _____ Manager _____ (not retail clerk)
Executive _____ Other _____ Supervisor, Team Leader _____
(not foreman)
 - b. What is your title? (Sales Representative omit) _____
 - c. How many people do you employ or supervise? _____
 - d. Please describe briefly your responsibilities and indicate college degree (if applicable) _____

B. BUSINESSMAN FARMER

1. Is your primary source of earned income derived from a major farming operation? (yes or no) _____
2. Please check one of the following:
Farm owner _____ Supervisor _____ Manager _____ or Lessee _____
3. What is the total acreage of your farming operation? _____
4. How much of your working time is devoted to your farming operation? _____
5. How many full-time employees do you have? _____ How many part-time employees? _____
6. Explain in detail your farming operation: _____

C. PROFESSIONAL MAN

1. If you are a professional man, which one of the following? (Indicate below by X)
 - a. Architect _____ f. Engineer (Graduate - give degree) _____ l. Podiatrist (chiroprapist) _____
 - b. Certified Public Accountant _____ m. Psychologist _____
 - c. Chiropractor _____ g. Lawyer _____ n. Registered Physical Therapist _____
 - d. Computer Analyst (Graduate - give degree) _____ h. Medical Doctor _____ o. Scientist (Graduate - give degree) _____
 - e. Dentist _____ i. Optometrist _____ p. Teacher (Graduate - give degree) _____
 - j. Osteopath _____ q. Veterinarian _____
 - k. Pharmacist _____
2. Name and address of the firm or business from which you derive your primary souce of income: _____

D. INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORIES

1. If you are not in the above categories, would you classify yourself as any of the following? (Indicate below by X)
 - a. Institutional Manager or Administrator _____ e. Civilian staff officer of governmental agency - Sergeant or above and/or
Name of Institution _____ 4-year college degree (Including Police, Fire, Highway Patrol, or Sheriff's
Department) - give rank and department _____
 - b. School Superintendent or Business Manager _____ f. Airline Captain, Airline First Officer, Ship Captain, or Railroad
School system _____ Conductor _____
 - c. Management Counselor _____ Name of Company _____
 - d. Armed Services: _____
 - 1) Commissioned Officer (except Chaplain) - give rank _____
 - 2) Grade W-1 or E-7 or higher - give rank _____
2. In the above occupation:
 - a. What is your title? _____ b. College Graduate - give degree _____
 - c. How many people do you supervise? _____ d. Explain the nature of your duties and responsibilities _____

E. OTHER OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES

1. If you provide business or professional services and hold yourself out as a business or professional man and have a 4-year college degree, please complete the following:
 - a. What is your title? _____ b. Graduate - give degree _____
 - c. Describe your occupation _____

2. Name and address of the firm or business from which you derive your primary souce of income: _____

Sec. IV REFERENCES

Give names and addresses of two Christian business and/or professional men (preferably Gideons) who know you well:

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

Sec. V DECLARATION

I have prayerfully read all of the foregoing, and have carefully considered personally all the questions, and I now make application for:

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\$40.00 Annual Membership

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\$1,000.00 Life Membership

Payment Options:

Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Credit Card \$ _____
(Please complete information at bottom)

I also understand that the Membership Committee must examine this application and the references, as it has the responsibility of guarding the membership standards of the Association. If accepted I agree that should my membership be terminated for any reason, I will return my membership card and the Gideon emblem.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

(First Name)

(Middle)

(Last Name)

Sec. VI SPONSORSHIP

A. Source of application for Gideon membership:

☐ Personal

☐ One-on-One Dinner

☐ New Member Plan

B. I am sponsoring this applicant for the following reasons:

1. Spiritual _____

2. Occupational (briefly describe type of job, business operation or profession) _____

Signature _____ Membership Card # _____

IMPORTANT! Please be sure that all applicable blanks are filled in before application form is submitted.

C. We the _____ Camp recommend this applicant, and confirm the information in Sections II and III.

Signatures _____ President
_____ Secretary

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

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Visa

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MasterCard

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American Express

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Discover

Card # _____

mo. _____ yr. _____
expiration date name as shown on card

billing address city state zip code

\$ _____
amount authorized signature

TEMPORARY RECEIPT

Received of _____

for Gideon Membership Date ____ / ____ / ____

\$ _____
(Sponsoring Gideon)

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INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Membership Committee of The Gideons International, have examined this application and have taken action as indicated below:

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Approved ☐ Rejected ☐ Committee Chairman's Initials _____ Date _____

Approved ☐ Rejected ☐ Committee Member's Initials _____ Date _____

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This receipt is given in acknowledgement of advance payment of membership dues. If this application is approved by the International Membership Committee, a membership card and emblem will be issued to you. Otherwise, your payment will be refunded.